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SUBJ: UN DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE--FINANCIAL FOLLOW-UP

REF: (A) NAIROBI 11504, (B) KHAN-COHN TELCON SEP 7

1. WORKING GROUP, DURING EVENING SEPT 6, UNEXPECTEDLY MOVED CONCEPT CONSULTATIVE GROUP REPORTED REF (A) TO QUOTE STUDY STAGE UNQUOTE OF WORKING GROUP REPORT. THIS LEFT PROPOSAL FOR STUDY OF ALL FINANCIAL ALTER-NATIVES BY HIGH LEVEL EXPERTS ONLY CONCRETE FOLLOW-UP ACTION IN REPORT. DECISION WAS PRO-DUCT CONFUSION OVER CONCEPT CG, SOME OPPOSITION TO IT, AND NOT LEAST OF ALL SHEER EXHAUSTION.

2. ON MORNING SEPT 7, WORKING GROUP REPORT, AS COULD BE PREDICTED, PRODUCED SHARP REACTION FROM PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY-GENERAL CONFERENCE WHO ANNOUNCED INTENTION MEET WITH REGIONAL CHAIRMAN AND CHAIRMAN WORKING GROUP ON AFTERNOON SEPT 7 TO REGIONAL GROUP, AND PERHAPS ASIAN, WILL LIKELY JOIN IN SUCH REQUEST.

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3. WEOG HASTILY CONVENED ITS OWN SUB-GROUP REVIEW SITUATION. CONSENSUS AMONG SUB-GROUP (AUSTRALIA, NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, FRANCE, FRG, UK, CANADA, USA) WAS PROPOSE AMENDING PLAN OF ACTION CHAPTER V, IMMEDIATE ACTIONS, TO:

A. ADD SECTION ON SUB-REGIONAL GROUPS FOR PARA

A.(2), REF (A), PLUS SENTENCES SUGGESTING SUB-REGIONAL GROUPS COULD INVITE DONORS TO PARTICIPATE AND THAT UNEP SHOULD FURNISH TECHNICAL AND PERHAPS FINANCIAL (LATTER FROM EXISTING FUNDS) ASSISTANCE TO SUCH GROUPS.

B. ADD RECOMMENDATION FOR UNEP CONVENING IMMEDIATELY AFTER UNCOD CONSULTATIVE GROUP ALONG LINES SPELLED OUT REF (A).

4. US DEL TOOK OPPORTUNITY MAKE POINTS REFS (A) AND (B), I.E., PROPOSED CONSULUTATIVE GROUP SHOULD BE TEMPORARY, ADVISORY ONLY, AND WOULD STUDY REPEAT STUDY, FOR UNEP-ECOSOC-UNGA SUBSEQUENT REVIEW AND APPROVAL, SPECIFIC DETAILS FINANCIAL IMPLICA-TIONS INCLUDING ADEQUACY EXISTING BUDGETS AND ALTERNA-TIVE FINANCIAL MECHANISMS. THESE CONCEPTS HAPPILY ACCEPTED BY OTHER WEOG SUB-GROUP REPS, AND DRAFT PROPOSAL ALONG THESE LINES WILL BE CIRCULATED WEOG THIS AFTERNOON.

5. URGE IMMEDIATE AUTHORIZATION US DEL ENDORSE PROPOSALS PARA 3 ABOVE. US DEL HAS SO FAR INDICATED IDEAS UNDER DISCUSSION WITH WASHINGTON AND HAS RE-SERVED FORMAL POSITION. HOWEVER, US DEL FEELS STRONGLY ABOVE STEPS COMPLETELY CONSISTENT US POSITION ON FINANCIAL FOLLOW-UP. ALSO BELIEVE IT URGENT THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THESE IDEAS BE PRESENTED AFTERNOON SEPT 7 TO OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS, PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY-GENERAL, WITH FULL WEOG BACKING, IN ORDER HEAD OFF DEMANDS FOR APPROVAL SPECIFIC FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WORKING GROUP HAD CAREFULLY LAID ASIDE.

6. APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE.
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